

**THE ARRIVAL** of the canal boat, *Lady Carrington*, in Worcester on the morning of October 7, 1828, represented not just a new transportation technology, but a new era of growth and change for the Blackstone Valley. Worcester, barely a village at the beginning of the 19th century, became a bustling, inland commercial center, while Providence reinforced its position as a vital port city. Towns and villages in between took advantage of the opportunities the canal offered, and were transformed forever.

Does the Blackstone Canal get too much credit for these changes, or not enough? Would the railroad have come through this wooded landscape if it hadn't already been opened by the canal? How did the Canal operate – what systems kept it watered and how was it financed? And what about the role of the Irish, the first significant immigrant group to arrive in the Blackstone Valley?

**Join noted scholars and practitioners in an animated discussion about the enduring impact of the Blackstone Canal and how its preservation can invigorate today's modern landscape.**



John H. Chafee

**BLACKSTONE RIVER VALLEY**

National Heritage Corridor Commission

One Depot Square

Woonsocket, RI 02895



*Pre-register by October 20, 2006!*

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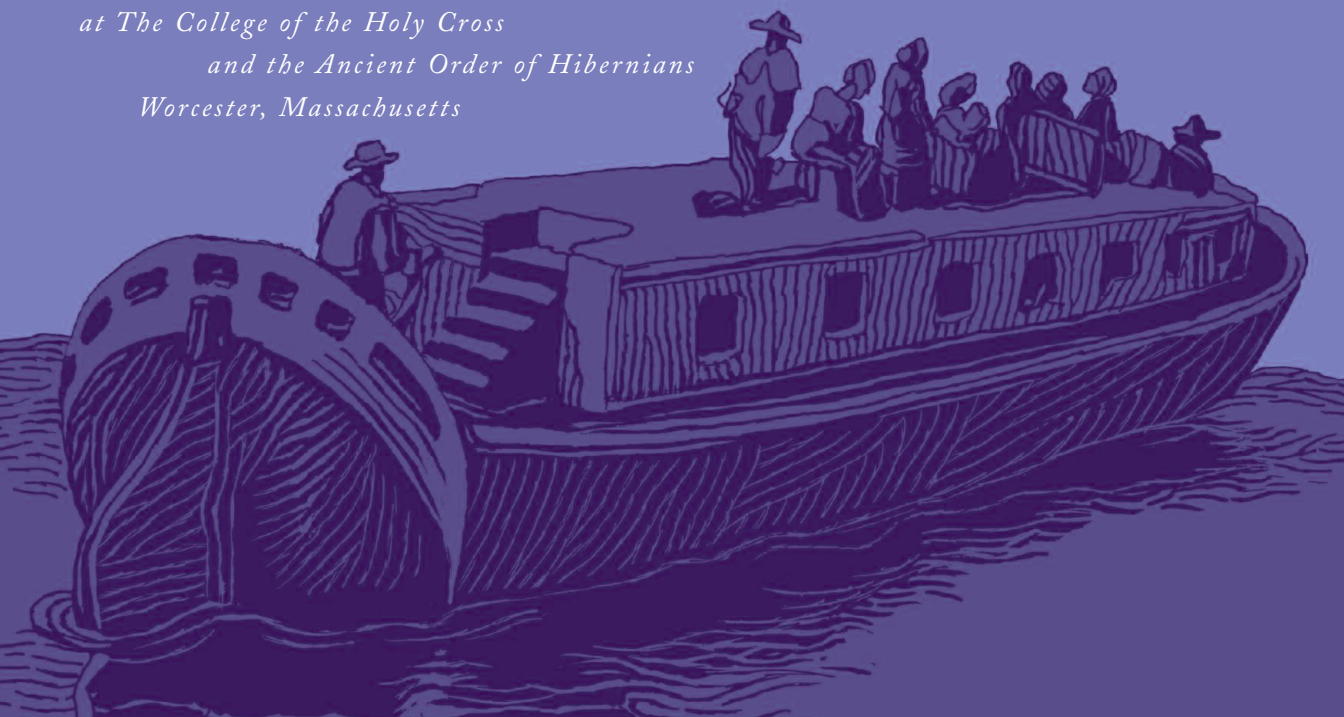
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*at The College of the Holy Cross*

*and the Ancient Order of Hibernians*

*Worcester, Massachusetts*



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## AGENDA

Friday, November 3: Kimball Hall Theatre, The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA

8:00	REGISTRATION	Coffee & Continental Breakfast
9:00	WELCOME	Edward Sanderson, Executive Director, Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission
9:15	KEYNOTE SPEAKER	To be announced
10:15	COFFEE BREAK	
10:30	SESSION 1	“Charting the Canal’s Path: Archaeology and Preservation in a Changing Landscape” Pierre Morenon, Rhode Island College; Virginia Adams, PAL Rita Walsh, VHB; and Joanna Doherty, NPS Planner – Moderator
NOON	LUNCH	Lunch can be purchased on first floor, Kimball Hall
1:30	SESSION 2	Dr. Jill Dupree, “Financial Failure? The Real Returns to the Blackstone Canal” Rick Greenwood, “The Way of Water: Keeping the Canal Watered”
3:00	BREAK	
3:30	SESSION 3	“They Came, They Built, They Stayed: Irish Immigrants in the Blackstone Valley” Dr. Timothy Meagher, Catholic University; Scott Molloy, URI; Ed O’Donnell, Holy Cross
5:00		Individuals travel to the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall – Fiddler’s Green.
6:00	RECEPTION	“The Valley Speaks: National Park Service & the Reintegration of New England History” Speaker: Joseph Cullon, Dartmouth College FreeTheBlackstone Short Film Entry: “Voices, Mama, Voices” The Blackstone Canal Symposium Honors the Work & Memory of: Dr. Vincent Powers, Blackstone Canal & Irish Community Historian, and Mrs. Ruth Tetrault, Blackstone Canal Activist Sponsored by the Worcester Historical Museum and Ancient Order of Hibernians

Saturday, November 4: Fiddler’s Green, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Worcester, MA

8:00	ARRIVAL	Coffee & Continental Breakfast
8:45		Program Announcements / Changes / Tour Reminders
9:00	SESSION 1	“Evaluating the Impact of the Canal” a panel with Ranger Kevin Klyberg – Moderator
10:30	BREAK	
10:45	BOARD BUSES	Box lunch served on bus
	CANAL TOUR NORTH	Massachusetts Canal Sites with Ranger Ray Boswell and Steve Giardini
	CANAL TOUR SOUTH	Rhode Island Canal Sites with Ranger Kevin Klyberg and Dave Barber
3:00	RETURN	Buses return to Ancient Order of Hibernian’s Parking Lot

Note: All Day 2 field trips require good hiking footwear and suitable outdoor clothing. Terrain is rough and uneven in places.



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REGISTRATION

Please return this form in a separate envelope.

FEES: DAY 1-\$10, DAY 2-\$15 (INCLUDES BOX LUNCH), BOTH DAYS-\$20. A STUDENT ID GETS YOU INTO ANY SESSION FREE

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 20, 2006, PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR DAY 2, DAY 1 ‘WALK-IN’ AVAILABLE

CONTACT PERSON

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LIST NAMES ATTENDING

1.

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